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In re application of: Masato Nogawa et al.

Serial No.: 09/982,663

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For: Three-Side Trimmer

Examiner: Ken Peterson

Group Art Unit: 3724

RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT SET FORTH IN THE OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 5, 2004, AND ELECTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

1. This is a response to the Office Action dated October 5, 2004, in which the Examiner made a four way restriction requirement as follows:

- i) claims 9, 10, 15;
- ii) claims 11-14 and 16-19;
- iii) claims 20-32;
- iv) claims 33-40;
- v) claims 41-49;
- vi) claims 50 and 51; and
- vii) claim 52-54.